



Commuter ChoiceSM Employer E-Update

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The Commuter ChoiceSM Employer E-Update: Promoting the Latest Highlights to Commuter Choice Employers

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1. Denver Recognition Event Celebrates the First Commuter ChoiceSM District!

The U.S. EPA hosted a recognition event on October 9 to welcome the newest Commuter Choice Employers from the Denver/Boulder area and to officially announce the first ever Commuter Choice District, which was established in downtown Boulder.

Robby Roberts, EPA's Administrator for Region 8, offered his congratulations to all and presented them with special plaques recognizing their status as Commuter Choice Employers.

Visit <http://www.commuterchoice.gov/campaign/denver.htm> for details about the event and our new Commuter Choice District!

2. Announcing... The "Bay Area's Best Workplaces for Commuters": Employers step up to cut down employee stress and drive times!

On October 24, the San Francisco "Bay Area's Best Workplaces for Commuters" Coalition recognized 83 employers for being placed on the first ever list of "Best Workplaces for Commuters"! The coalition is a group made up of Bay area business, transportation, human resource and environmental organizations and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The list spotlights employers that offer commuter benefits meeting the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits and for improving their employees' quality of life while helping to cut air pollution and congestion.

"The Bay area is home to some of the nation's most congested traffic", says Libby Sartain, senior VP of Human Resources at Yahoo! a Commuter Choice Employer. "The "Bay Area's Best Workplaces for Commuters" list shows that many local employers are addressing the issue by helping workers reduce the stress that goes along with commuting to work. We want to showcase these organizations and encourage others to follow their lead."

Visit <http://www.commuterchoice.gov/campaign/sfbest.htm> for details about the "Bay Area's Best Workplaces for Commuters"!

3. **Commuter ChoiceSM Leadership Initiative rolls out On-line Enrollment for new Commuter Choice Employers – JD Edwards & Co. First to enroll on the web!**

JD Edwards & Company was the first employer to sign on as a Commuter Choice Employer through the Commuter Choice's new online web enrollment program at www.commuterchoice.gov (look under "For Employers"). We want to make it easy for employers that deserve to be recognized for providing their employees with the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits to become Commuter Choice Employers.

Using the on-line enrollment makes it easy and "user friendly" to compare benefits packages against the National Standard of Excellence and to enroll instantly. Take some time today to visit our web-site and see some of the changes that make partnering in our program easier than ever!

4. **Commuter ChoiceSM Leadership Initiative Welcomes 17 employers in October – over 25,000 new employees covered nationwide under our program!**

The Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative welcomes the following employers who signed on to participate in the Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative in October:

- **California:** Desdier, Inc.; PeopleSoft, Inc.; The Bay Area Air Quality Management District; SBC Communications;
- **Colorado:** Encoda Systems, Inc.; Bank One; Colorado State Attorney General's Office; Freberg Environmental, Inc.; JD Edwards (web enrollment);
- **Florida:** MacDill AFB; Hillsborough County;
- **Missouri:** LSSO, U.S. Army;
- **New Jersey:** Pfizer, Inc.; Transoptions;
- **New York:** IBM-North Castle;
- **North Carolina:** Cisco Systems, Inc.;
- **Oklahoma:** Indian Nations Council of Governments.

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